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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/878,240**MESSAGE:**

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Patent
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In re Patent Application of)	
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Mattias BERGLUND et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3722
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Application No.: 09/878,240)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: June 12, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 3796
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For: TWO-PIECE ROTARY METAL-)	
CUTTING TOOL AND METHOD)	
FOR INTERCONNECTING THE)	
PIECES)	

**REQUEST/PETITION TO ACCEPT MISSING PARTS AS BEING
TIMELY FILED DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants transmit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,971,673 in double-column format pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(a)(1) for the above-identified application.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Applicants respectfully request that the attached patent copy be considered as being timely submitted, and that Applicants not be charged with an extension of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. To the extent that Applicants are charged with such an extension of time, this paper should be considered as a request for a refund of any charged extension of time fees in connection with the filing of missing parts in this application.

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Should the application be considered abandoned, it is requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

STATEMENT OF PERTINENT FACTS

On June 12, 2001, Applicants' representative prepared and filed the present application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The application was accompanied by a copy of the above-mentioned patent, a transmittal form, a Preliminary Amendment, a check in the amount of \$950.00, a Declaration in Support of Reissue, an offer to surrender the patent, and assent of the assignee, Power of Attorney and a statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) (see, e.g., the Reissue Patent Application Transmittal Letter submitted with said application on June 12, 2001).

On July 23, 2001, Applicants received a Filing Receipt having a mailing date of July 18, 2001.

On October 1, 2001, Applicants filed a Supplemental Declaration in Support of Reissue.

On November 5, 2001, Applicants received a Notice of Publication of Application.

Having not received any further communications from the Patent Office, Applicants filed a written Status Inquiry on December 16, 2002. To date, there has been no reply to Applicants' Status Inquiry.

On September 8, 2003, Applicants' representative contacted the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) by telephone to inquire about the status of the application.

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Subsequent calls were also placed on September 24, 2003 and September 29, 2003, also attempting to ascertain the status of the case.

On October 14, 2003, Applicants' representative spoke by telephone with Ms. Linda McDowell, who was able to ascertain from the file that, according to the Patent Office's records, a Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed to Applicants on July 18, 2001, and that no response to the Notice has been received from the Applicants. Applicants' representative requested that a copy of the Notice be faxed to him. Apparently, the actual Notice to File Missing Parts is also absent from the Patent Office file, however, Applicants did receive a copy of a Reissue Supplement to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application with a mailing date of July 18, 2001. A copy of this document (received on October 14, 2003) is attached.

Applicants never received a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts or the Reissue Supplement, prior to October 14, 2003.

Attached to this paper is a copy of Applicants' representative's docket record in which any such Notice to File Missing Parts with a mailing date of July 18, 2001 would have been recorded for this application (Attorney reference 024444-902) if received. As indicated by the attached record, no such Notice was ever recorded. The attached docket record has been redacted to protect clients' confidential information.

Thus, Applicants have established non-receipt of the Official Communication pursuant to the procedures outlined, for example, in MPEP § 711.03(c).

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DISCUSSION

Based on the above, it is clear that Applicants' representative did not receive a Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application.

Upon detection of the error, the attached response supplying the missing requirements in the above-identified application have been timely prepared and filed.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the attached patent copy be considered as having been timely filed and that no extensions of time be charged under the circumstances discussed above.

While Applicants do not believe that a petition is necessary under the circumstances, to the extent that the relief requested requires a petition, this paper should be considered as a Petition pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 to accept the attached patent copy as satisfying the requirements for filing the above-identified application in a timely manner and/or to withdraw a holding of abandonment. Applicants' representative hereby authorizes any necessary charges in connection with this Request/Petition to be charged to Applicants' representative's Deposit Account No. 02 4800, and to credit Applicants' representative's Deposit Account with any refunds or overcharges.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons noted above, Applicants respectfully request the attached patent copy be accepted without a charge for a petition and/or an extension of time. Should any further questions arise with regard to the above, it is requested that the undersigned be

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contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the
instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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REISSUE SUPPLEMENT
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

This Reissue Supplement is an attachment to:

- ☐ "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" Filing Date Granted
- ☐ "Notice of Incomplete Application" No filing Date Granted

The item(s) indicated below as missing must be filed within the period for reply set on the attached form to avoid abandonment.

Correction of the following is required to complete the reissue application:

☒ 1. The reissue specification has not been provided in double-column format as is required by 37 CFR 1.173(a)(1).

☐ 2. Consent of the assignee is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that the reissue oath/declaration be accompanied by the written consent of all assignees.

☐ 3. Consent of the assignee is present, but is unsigned. A statement of consent bearing the signature of an official authorized to act on behalf of the assignee(s) must be provided.

☐ 4. Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.72 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b). See MPEP Sec. 324.

☐ 5. Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is present, but is unsigned. A 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement bearing the signature of an official authorized to act on behalf of the assignee must be provided.

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